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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, 1.98(d) Applicants herewith submit the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO- 1449 be made of record in this application.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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